

HOUSE BILL 215

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to visitation rights of certain military personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

36-6-309.

(a) If a parent has been granted court-ordered visitation with that parent's minor child or children, and if that parent has been called to active duty service in the armed forces and the active duty service requires the parent to be out of the United States, then upon return of that parent to Tennessee the court-ordered visitation rights of such parent shall resume. No permanent modification of court-ordered visitation rights may be made while a parent is called to active duty service in the armed forces and the active duty service requires the parent to be out of the United States.

(b) An application by a member of the armed services for an active duty assignment outside of the United States shall not be considered a factor against such parent when determining the visitation best interests of the child

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.